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                        UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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                      CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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    PEDRO PONCE,
                                        ) CASE NO: 5:15-CV-00074-VAP (SPx)
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                                         ASSIGNED FOR ALL PURPOSES TO:
                                         Honorable District Judge Virginia A. Phillips
                           Plaintiff.
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                                         Magistrate Judge Sheri Pym
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    VS.
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                                         STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER
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    CITY OF FONTANA; OFFICER D.C.;
    OFFICER T.D.; OFFICER R.S.; and
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    DOES 4 through 10,
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                           Defendants.
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    guardian ad litem, ERICA
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    COVARRUBIAS; Y.I.L., a minor by
                                        ) CASE NO: 5:15-CV-00940-VAP (SPx)
    and through her guardian ad litem,
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    ERICA COVARRUBIAS; J.A.L., a
                                         ASSIGNED FOR ALL PURPOSES TO:
                                         Honorable District Judge Virginia A. Phillips
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    minor by and through her guardian ad
                                         Magistrate Judge Sheri Pym
    litem, ERICA COVARRUBIAS;
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    Y.A.L., a minor by and through her
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    guardian ad litem, ERICA
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STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

COVARRUBIAS; Y.A.C., a minor by and through her guardian ad litem, ERICA COVARRUBIAS; ODALIZ URIARTE, an individual, Plaintiffs, ovs.

CITY OF FONTANA, a governmental entity; OFFICER D.C., an individual; OFFICER T.D., an individual; OFFICER R.S., an individual; and DOES 4 through 10, Inclusive; and, JESUS ALFONSO LOPEZ, an individual and a nominal defendant, Defendants.

### 1. A. <u>PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS</u>

Defendants contend that discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the Court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the

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applicable legal principles. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section 12.3, below, that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

### B. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT

This action involves an ongoing narcotics investigation by the Fontana Police Department, Narcotics Unit and the DEA. Defendants' assert that the underlying incident involves suspected drug tracking involving Mexican drug cartels and the distribution and sale of over 30 kilos of cocaine. The anticipated documents involved in the case include the Los Angeles Police Department investigation of the "Officer Involved Shooting" ("OIS"), coroner's lab results and photographs, photos of the scene procured by law enforcement agencies, names of narcotics officers, (some whom are currently working on the open investigation), addresses of witness to the events. Further, Defendants anticipate that plaintiffs will seek confidential documents in this matter which include, but are not limited to, personnel records of officers, other employment and training records, information from Fontana Police Department regarding prior incidents and investigations into those incidents, or other confidential information (including potential information implicating privacy of third parties), information not generally available to the public, or which may be privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure under state or federal statutes, court rules, case

decisions, or common law.

Should this information (photos of the investigation, personnel records of those officers involved, addresses of witnesses, etc.) be disclosed without the protection of the proposed protective order, and open access to the information be allowed, the lives of those involved would be placed at risk. The integrity of the ongoing investigation itself would also be placed at risk. As stated above, the narcotics investigation is ongoing and good cause exists to prevent the public from accessing this information in order to secure the safety of those involved and the investigation.

Accordingly, to expedite the flow of the information, to facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over confidentiality of discovery materials, to adequately protect information the parties are entitled to keep confidential, to ensure that the parties are permitted reasonable necessary uses of such material in preparation for trial and to address their handling at the end of the litigation, and serve the ends of justice, a protective order for such information is justified in this matter. It is the intent of the parties that information will not be designated as confidential for tactical reasons and that nothing be so designated without a good faith belief that it has been maintained in a confidential, non-public manner, and there is good cause why it should not be part of the public record in this case.

## 2. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

2.1 <u>Action:</u> This pending federal lawsuit, entitled *Pedro Ponce v. City of Fontana, et al.* case no. 5:15-CV-00074-VAP (SPx), consolidated with *M.A.L. et al. v.* 

City of Fontana, et al. case no.:5:15-CV-00940-VAP (SPx).

- 2.2 <u>Challenging Party</u>: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation of information or items under this Order.
- 2.3 <u>"CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items:</u> information (regardless of how it generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in the Good Cause Statement.
- 2.4 <u>Counsel:</u> Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as their support staff).
- 2.5 <u>Designating Party:</u> a Party or Non-Party that designates information or items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as "CONFIDENTIAL."
- 2.6 <u>Disclosure or Discovery Material:</u> all items or information, regardless of the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.
- 2.7 <u>Expert:</u> a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an expert witness or as a consultant in this Action.
- 2.8 <u>House Counsel:</u> attorneys who are employees of a party to this Action.

  House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Records or any other outside

counsel.

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2.9 <u>Non-Party:</u> any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity not named as a Party to this action.

- 2.10 <u>Outside Counsel of Record:</u> attorneys who are not employees of a party to this Action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this Action and have appeared in this Action on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law firm which has appeared on behalf of that party, and include support staff.
- 2.11 <u>Party</u>: any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors, employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their support staffs).
- 2.12 <u>Producing Party</u>: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or Discovery Material in this Action.
- 2.13 <u>Professional Vendors:</u> persons or entities that produce litigation support services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium) and their employees and subcontractors.
- 2.14 <u>Protected Material:</u> any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as "CONFIDENTIAL."
- 2.15 <u>Receiving Party</u>: A Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a Producing Party.

### 3. SCOPE

The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only Protected Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations or Protected Material; and(3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material.

Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by the orders of the trial judge. This Stipulation and the Order does not govern the use of Protected Material at trial.

### 4. <u>DURATION</u>

Once a case proceeds to trial, all of the information that was designated as confidential or maintained pursuant to this protective order becomes public and will be presumptively available to all members of the public, including the press, unless compelling reasons supported by specific factual findings to proceed otherwise are made to the trial judge in advance of the trial. *See* Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu, 447 F. 3d 1172, 1180-81 (9th Cir. 2006) (distinguishing "good cause" showing for sealing documents produced in discovery from "compelling reasons" standard when merits-related documents are part of the court record). Accordingly, the terms of this protective order do not extend beyond the commencement of the trial.

## 5. <u>DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL</u>

5.1 <u>Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.</u>

Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualified under the appropriate standards. The Designating Party must designate for protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify so that other portions of the material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit if this Order.

Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber the case development process or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it designated for protection do not qualify for protection that Designating Party must promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing the inapplicable designation.

5.2 <u>Manner and Timing of Designations</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or produced.

Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

(a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic
documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial
proceedings), that the Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend
"CONFIDENTIAL" (hereinafter "CONFIDENTIAL legend"), to each page that
contains protected material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page
qualified for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected
portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for inspection need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which documents it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and before the designation, all of the material made available for inspection shall be deemed "CONFIDENTIAL." After the inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order. Then, before producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must affix the "CONFIDENTIAL legend" to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

(b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party identify the Disclosure or Discovery Material on the records, before the close of the deposition all protect testimony.

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27 28 exterior of the container or containers in which the information is stored the legend "CONFIDENTIAL." If only a portion or portions of the information warrants protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s). 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent

failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party's right to secure protection under the Order for such material. Upon timely correction of a designation, Receiving Party must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

### 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

- 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party my challenge a designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court's Scheduling Order.
- Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute 6.2 resolution process under Local Rule 37.1 et seq.
- 6.3 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may

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expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating Party has waived or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all parties shall continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's designation until the Court rules on the challenge.

#### 7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECED MATERIAL

Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is 7.1 disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the Action has been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 13 below (FINAL DISPOSTION).

Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

- 7.2 Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated "CONFIDENTIAL" only to:
- the Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of Record in this Action, as well as (a) employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this Action.

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- (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action;
- (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);
  - the court and its personnel; (d)
  - court reporters and their staff; (e)
- professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional (f) Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);
- the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a (g) custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information;
- (h) during their depositions, witnesses, and attorneys for witnesses, in the Actions to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1) the deposing party requests that the witness sign the form attached as Exhibit 1 hereto; and (2) they will not be permitted to keep any confidential information unless they sign the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material may be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order; and

(i) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel, mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement discussions.

# 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION

If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this Action as "CONFIDENTIAL," that Party must:

- (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall include a copy of the subpoena or court order;
- (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such notification shall include a copy of the Stipulated Protective Order; and
- (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in this action as "CONFIDENTIAL" before a determination by the court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party's permission. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that court of its confidential material and nothing in these provisions should be construed as

authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this Action to disobey a lawful

# 9. <u>A NON-PARTY'S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE</u>

PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION

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(a) The terms of the Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-Party in this Action and designated as "CONFIDENTIAL." Such information produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be construed as

(b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to produce a Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party is subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's confidential information, then the Party shall:

prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

- (1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party that some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party.
- (2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Stipulated Protective Order in this Action, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably specific description of the information requested; and
- (3) make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-Party, if requested.

If the Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this court within 14

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days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before determination by the court. Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

### 10. <u>UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL</u>

If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected Material to any person or in any circumstances not authorized under this Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

# 11. <u>INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE</u> <u>PROTECTED MATERIAL</u>

When Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protections,

the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(b). This provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for production without prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d) and (e), insofar as the parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure of a communication or information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work product protection, the parties may incorporate their agreement in the stipulated protective order submitted by the court.

### 12. <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>

- 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.
- 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this Protective Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.
- 12.3 Filing Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party's request to file Protected Material under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the information in the public

record unless otherwise instructed by the court.

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#### 13. FINAL DISPOSITION

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After the final deposition of this Action, as defined in paragraph 4, each Receiving Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such material within 30 days. As used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 30 day deadline that (1) identifies (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was returned or destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in Section 4 (DURATION).

14. Any violation of this Order may be punished by any and all appropriate

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DATED: December 18, 2015

ADRIANNA C. PAIGE, ESQ. Defendants, Attorneys for **CITY** FONTANA, OFFICER D.C., OFFICER T.D.,

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BY: \_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_

and OFFICER R.S.

LINDA B. MARTIN, ESQ.

FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS SO ORDERED.

JUDGE SHERI PYM

United States District/Magistrate Judge

### EXHIBIT A 1 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND 2 of, 3 \_\_\_\_\_declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its 4 5 entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District 6 Court for the Central District of California on 7 in the case of *Pedro Ponce v. City of Fontana*, CASE NO: 5:15-CV-8 00074-VAP (SPx) [Consolidated With] M.A.L., et al. v. City of Fontana, et al. CASE NO: 5:15-CV-9 00940-VAP (SPx). I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated 10 Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to 11 12 sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in 13 any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person 14 or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order. I further agree to submit to 15 the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Central District of California for the 16 purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement 17 proceedings after termination of this action. Ι hereby appoint occur 18 \_\_\_\_\_\_, of 19 20 as my California agent for process in connection with 21 this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of this Stipulated Protective Order. 22 DATE: 23 24 City of State where sworn and signed:\_\_\_\_\_ 25 Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_ 26 27 Signature: 28